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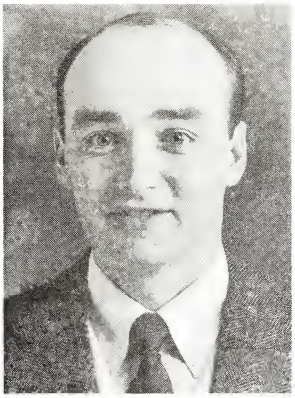

Richard Brunson

A Vision for NC Baptist Men

I started work as Director of NC Baptist Men on April 1 of this year, that's April Fool's Day. I think that someone was trying to tell me something.

Since then it has been a very busy and meaningful year. It has been exciting to have been involved in south Miami, New York, Poland, China and in the 11 ministries of NC Baptist Men across the state and around the world. I am very grateful for your prayers and support.

I am also very grateful for our NCBM Board and executive committee and our officers for who they are and all that they do. And I am very grateful for our staff. We have the finest staff anywhere and I am grateful for each of them. I have to say that I am most grateful for my wife — for her love, support, patience, prayers and friendship.

Ephesians 3:20-21 — "To Him who by means of His power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even imagine: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! Amen."

This is a powerful passage. It says that God can do much more than we can ever ask for or even *imagine*.

What can we imagine? What is our vision for NC Baptist Men? We adopted a new vision statement recently. We set our goal and objectives and when I read these goals and objectives I get very excited about our future.

The goal of NC Baptist Men is to help Baptist State Convention of North Carolina churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- Enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities
- Encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries
- Educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities
- Teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions
- Lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.

When I read these goals and objectives I can imagine a lot. I can imagine:

— Thousands and thousands of NC Baptist Men and boys who are personally involved in mission activities.
— Thousands of men who have committed themselves and all that they have to Christ and to His kingdom.
— Thousands of NC Baptist men who understand that they are called, gifted, and sent.
— Men who are growing spiritually, emotionally, morally, and ethically, and in favor with God and man.
— Thousands and thousands of men who pray with their families and with other men.
— Men who care.
— Men who aren't afraid to cry.
— Men whose hearts are broken by the things that break God's heart.
— Men who care about people who are lost and hurting — men who care about people who are homeless, orphans, hungry, migrants, prisoners, elderly, sick and the poor.
— Men who are seeking to be the fathers and husbands that God wants them to be.
— Men who aren't afraid to be risk takers.

How can this vision become reality? God, by His power working in us, is able to do much more than we can ever ask for or even imagine.

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Men in Missions

On the Cover

Nearly 530 NC Baptist volunteers worked in Miami, Florida the week after Christmas, 1992, rebuilding in the wake of Hurricane Andrew. (More information on pages 9–13)

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From Our President

I appreciate this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you. The aim of this first effort is to give a broad personal overview of North Carolina Baptist Men — past, present, and future. We will try to address specific issues and topics in future issues.

Whenever a new person is placed in a leadership position, there is usually some apprehension about the future direction that new leader may take us. Some of you likely feel this way about the new president of NCBM. I hope that any fears you may have will soon be allayed.

NCBM has a great heritage and we should remember it. Many, many people are responsible for this and I dare not begin naming names. Many of you are part of the heritage and you go back farther than I do. As for presidents, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Donald Greene, Bill Poe, Hobart Smith, and Raiford Troutman. Each of these fine men brought to the position special talents and abilities that were especially suited to the organization's needs at the time. How I fit into this pattern is still unknown. But, let us not be concerned about that. I sincerely feel the Lord has brought us all together at this hour for a purpose and He will put the pieces of the puzzle together. Be proud of our past!

Many exciting mission activities are now going on through NCBM. Many of you are directly involved in these activities. I won't use space here to mention them. Take time and read about them in this publication. Help spread the word by sharing *Men In Missions* with friends, Sunday School classes, pastors, civic clubs, and other audiences. Please know I am grateful to all of you for what you do to serve the Lord through NCBM. I look forward to learning more about the specific plans and actions of our dozen ministries. Be pleased with the present!

We cannot be content to reminisce about past glories or rest on the laurels of the present, however. There is the future! I don't have at this time a master plan or blueprint for the NCBM future. In fact, I am not sure I'll ever have one. But when I look at the needs and opportunities all around us, and when I see the great untapped potential of our Baptist people, I must conclude that we are only scratching the surface. Things are in place for us make giant strides forward. We have a superior professional team on staff and support personnel in Cary. How do we go forward from here? Let us begin by *praying*. Pray for guidance personally and for your particular ministry. Pray

Maurice Cook

for the Baptist State Convention leadership and especially for Richard Brunson and all his good people. And, yes, would you breathe a prayer for me and the volunteer leadership of NCBM? Be in prayer for our future!

Maurice Cook
Raleigh, NC

Blankets for Bosnia

North Carolina Baptist Men are involved in a project to help send 20,000 blankets to Bosnia. Beacon Manufacturing is making these blankets available for a cost of $3 per blanket. These blankets will be distributed by non-governmental humanitarian groups this winter in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The need for blankets during this winter season has become critical. A large percentage of homes are without heat or electricity. Blankets and cold weather clothing are the main source of protection against cold for most Bosnians.

With the involvement of other states, it is hoped that the total number of blankets donated will exceed half a million.

Persons wishing to purchase blankets for Bosnia should see the back page for that information.

Hope for Hurting Humanity

"Hope for Hurting Humanity" is part of the Bold Mission Thrust denominational emphasis for the church year 1993–94. Hope for Hurting Humanity has the potential to involve every North Carolina Baptist in ministry, performing redemptive, loving service for people in the name and spirit of Christ. North Carolina Baptists have a rich heritage of ministry to people's physical and spiritual needs. Through participating in Hope for Hurting Humanity, congregations will have the opportunity to update this rich heritage and recommit themselves to service in Christ's Spirit. Nationwide simultaneous ministry/witness projects will be conducted during the six week period of June 19 to July 31, 1994.

What is meant by "project?" As used in Hope for Hurting Humanity it can be:
—a single ministry-based activity in which the church family participates;
—one activity with multiple components which may be conducted by various organizations/groups/classes within the church;
—a series of programs to meet a variety of needs in the community.
The results of taking part in a Hope for Hurting Humanity project are exciting! Members in each participating congregation will have the opportunity to:
—Discover the hurts and needs of people who live within the church's community.
—Develop ministry/witness skills and gifts to serve in Christ's name.
—Conduct ministry/witness activities to meet the discovered needs.
—Experience growth in compassion, sensitivity, and responsibility toward others.
—Evaluate the effectiveness of the Hope for Hurting Humanity project and make a commitment to continued involvement in ministry and witness.

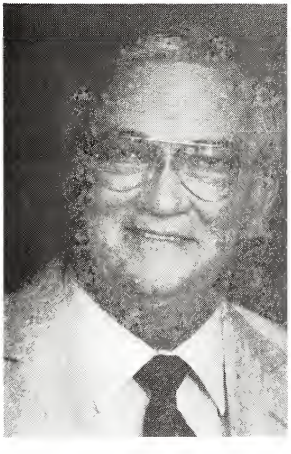
Hope for Hurting Humanity is a joint effort of WMU, Brotherhood, and the Home Mission Board. For a Hope for Hurting Humanity Resource packet contact NC Baptist Men at 1–800–395–5102.

HOPE FOR HURTING HUMANITY

New NC Baptist Men's Hats available

A new NC Baptist Men's hat is now available. This hat has a very attractive embroidered emblem of the state overlaying the cross with "North Carolina Baptist Men" in a circle around it. Colors are black, navy, and royal blue. The cost is $7 per hat plus 50 cents shipping and handling. To order, complete the form on the back page.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE



Frank Starnes

Frank Starnes was born near Wendell in Wake County and has lived in Raleigh a few years. He moved back to Wendell in 1979 to build a house where he now resides.

Frank studied Civil Engineering at NCSU. He then worked for Roadway Design in the Highway Commission, now the Department of Transportation (DOT). Frank did plans, estimates, interchange designs, etc. for 12 years and then moved to the computer group to coordinate the work for all engineering sections through the computer. Frank retired in March, 1990, from the Management Information Section of DOT with 32 1/2 years service. He did some consulting/personal service contracts until early 1992.

Frank's daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and James Sally, and their 3 1/2 year old daughter, Katelyn May Sally, all live in Raleigh.

Frank is a member of Hephzibah Baptist Church near Wendell, where he sings in the choir. He served as church treasurer for three years (1986–1989).

Frank's interests are snow skiing, travel, photography, growing flowers to give away, helping people, and ballroom dancing.

Frank describes how he became a volunteer:

"John and Betty Sally invited me to become involved in the Medical/Dental Ministry as a driver about mid-1992. Richard Brunson invited me at a meeting in November '92 at Caraway to come into the Baptist Men's office in Cary for a couple of days per week to do the Medical/Dental bus scheduling, billing and ordering of supplies, etc. I am committed to these tasks for 1993."

FYI: Duplicate Copies of *Men in Missions*

We would like to explain why some of you receive duplicate copies of Men in Missions. There are separate categories of mailing lists on our database at the Baptist Building. If you hold more than one leadership position in your church, we can be sure each address is identical which will automatically eliminate you receiving a duplicate copy. However, if you are on the mailing list of one or more of the ministry lists (i.e. Mission Projects, Disaster Relief, etc.), we cannot remove your name from those individual ministry lists because obviously you would not receive any correspondence mailed during the year relating to those ministries. Thus, if you are Brotherhood director in your church or association and also on one of the ministry mailing lists, you will receive duplicate copies of Men in Missions. Please use this opportunity to share your extra copies with other men in your church who may be interested in the involvement of men and boys in missions. Thank you for your cooperation and for your concern over the additional cost of printing and postage. Even though this does not affect a large number, we do hope to find a solution in the future.

NC Baptist Men T-Shirts available

The dark blue NC Baptist Men's t-shirt is available from the Baptist Men's office at a special reduced rate of $4 per shirt. Large, x-large, and xx-large sizes are available. This is a very attractive shirt with an excellent price. We will not be reordering shirts after we sell all that are in stock.

To order, complete the information on the back page. Make your check payable to NC Baptist Men and add $2 per order to cover shipping and handling.

Help!

Finish crews for electrical, plumbing, H.V.A.C., and interior are needed NOW for Linden Baptist Church, Linden and for Oakland Memorial Baptist Church, Lowell.

HOMELAND MISSIONS

Are Things Busy in Homeland Missions!

We have identified nearly 50 construction projects in our New York Partnership. These range from minor maintenance to major new construction. They are located in rural areas as well as inner city locations. Most of the teams from last year's projects have wonderful tales of how the Lord is working through this partnership. There are many projects needing assignments. Contact Hank Greer, Partnership Coordinator, at the convention for details. Hank can be reached at 1-800-395-5102.

Efforts are continuing in Florida disaster relief. Construction and repairs to uninsured and underinsured homes in Richmond Heights area have been in progress since Christmas. Over 2,000 NC Baptist volunteers have traveled to Florida to help uninsured people.

At Caswell, Gingko group cottage and Sherrill Chapel are being renovated. There are plans to renovate Oceana Motel and Building #33. Contact David Lloyd at (919) 278-9501 for details.

We have four churches in process of construction: Lucia Baptist Church in Lucia, NC; New Faith in Stanley, NC; Oakland Memorial in Lowell, NC; and Linden Baptist Church in Linden, NC. The churches are scheduled for completion in early summer and represent the exceptional efforts of Wayne Honeycutt in coordinating the projects in the Charlotte area. Contact Wayne (704-922-7050) for details. We would really like to finish these projects on a timely basis, so volunteers are needed now.

In addition to all that is now going on we are reviewing applications for 13 projects and have committed volunteers to the construction of Brunswick Islands, Shallotte, NC (see article on "How Do You Build A Church?"). This is by far the largest number of projects that we have considered for Homeland Missions at one time.

These ambitious plans represent an outpouring of volunteers with a desire to have a hands-on part in the growth of new congregations and ministries while fulfilling a desire for personal growth and fellowship with other believers. We believe that although there are a lot of projects going on at present, we have a much larger pool of untapped volunteers. Our future approach to Homeland Missions will bring an emphasis on regional projects. This will allow us to maintain more projects, nearer to the volunteer's homes. In order for this approach to work well, we must identify willing volunteers, skills that they have or are willing to learn and communicate with them about the projects in their area. In this issue of *Men In Missions* you will find a questionnaire form. Please duplicate it circulate the copies and encourage others to complete and return them. This is the most important stage in building a data file for communicating to you about projects in your area and helping your regional leaders coordinate the stages of construction.

Lest any of us forget in all our activity, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

If you have any questions or need any information about these or future projects, call Rex Everhart at 1-800-669-0949.

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NCBM
Homeland Projects
"A Building Ministry"

How Do You Build A Church?

There are many ways to build a church but check out Brunswick Islands Baptist Church in Shallotte. Beginning a fellowship of believers as Holden Beach Baptist Mission in 1989, they met in various places, finally a clothing outlet store. In July 1990, Jack Hancox (a former missionary to Haiti) was called. Hancox has more energy and zeal than most large congregations. Cameron Norris, volunteer coordinator and member, is also large, not just in size, but in spirit and vision for this church. The congregation is organized into various task forces providing for housing, food, building, visitation, VBS, and prayer for new members and incoming volunteers. Members are going to the 8.4 acre building site daily to pray for God's blessing on the project. How can you be a part of this exciting project?

During the weeks of June 14 and 21, volunteers are going to meet at the site and begin construction. No person is without usable skills. It is our ambition to complete the majority of this construction during these two weeks. During this time the disaster van will be providing meals and the large tent from the evangelism division will be erected for nightly revival. Campers, tents, and R.V.'s will serve as on-site housing. Church families are also providing some limited housing. Electricity, water, portable toilets, and possibly showers will be on site. If you don't feel comfortable with your construction skills, come and help with Backyard Bible Schools and community surveys. *Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship!* Contact John Craig (919) 842-2777 during the day, or 842-4891 in the evening for housing details or Cameron Norris (919) 754-4839, Rt. 3, Box 795-A, Shallotte, NC 28459, for volunteer details.

Rex Everhart
Clayton, NC

Don't Forget New York!

My grandfather used to have a saying which he quoted many times as I was growing up on a farm in southern Mississippi. "Son," he used to say, "don't bite off more than you can chew!" As a child, I didn't really understand what he meant, so one day I asked him. He told me that it meant we should always try to plan well for the future not tackle more projects than we can do well. Do you ever get the feeling that the Lord is stretching North Carolina Baptist Men to breaking point? Here we are, just finishing up the Sao Paulo Partnership and the Poland Partnership when we jump into a new five-year partnership with the 300 churches of the New York Baptist Convention and a Ukrainian Partnership. On top of that Hurricane Andrew comes along to dump a ton of work on us that we hadn't ever planned to do! Whew, it almost makes you tired just to think of it!

But on the other hand, isn't it exciting that God has called *us*, *you*, and *me*, to be partners with Him in meeting some of the needs of hurting people in so many different places! Just be sure you "don't bite off more than you can chew!" Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you the wisdom to know where you should channel the resources of your Baptist Men's group. Look at the needs — Ukraine, Hurricane Andrew relief, Homeland Projects in North Carolina — but *don't forget New York!* Please call me at 1-800-395-5102 or 919-467-5100 and I'll be glad to help link you up with a worthy church or mission group in the Baptist Convention of New York.

Hank Greer
New York/North Carolina Coordinator

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Ukrainian Partnership Underway: Rewards to Outweigh the Hardships

The first thing I want to do is to thank everyone for all the support that my family and I received during the recent passing of my father. I was overwhelmed by the visits, cards, flowers, and the most wonderful prayer support that anyone could imagine. I cannot express the gratitude that dwells within me for everything and everybody that supported our family during these past weeks. Heartfelt thanks to everyone across this great state.

Opportunities in Overseas Missions continue to have doors opened. The Ukrainian Partnership is well under way. The month of February saw 13 Baptist Men from across the state travel to Ukraine to set up the work sites for the 16 churches that will host work projects this year. The eight construction crew chiefs visited two churches each to determine the needs of that congregation and to see what the teams that would return this summer would be doing. It was exciting to see each team leave for a new work area each day and to listen to the excitement that was generated by their visit. Some teams had to ride the train as much as 19 hours to get to the town where a church would be. Others went by van or car over roads that were frozen and had ruts in them that were knee deep. But everywhere the men went they were received with open arms and a love that only exists between brothers and sisters in Christ.

This spring we will begin sending teams to Ukraine to start working on these churches and to start building relationships that will further the Kingdom of God. It's going to be an exciting time but it won't be an easy time. Many churches are in the far reaches of Ukraine and will demand that volunteers be patient, flexible, and most of all Christ-like. Many of the conveniences that we have here in the States have never been heard of. Indoor plumbing, safe drinking water and comfortable living quarters are just a few of the conveniences that the volunteer may do without in the outlying areas of the Ukraine. But the rewards will far exceed the hard times that the volunteer will face.

Most of the work that will be done this year will be in helping to build existing churches where work has been stopped, because of inflation in this newly formed republic. Inflation is very high and the cost of materials has skyrocketed and the wages of the working man has not. Many of the churches are in rural farming areas and the people don't have much of a source

of income. We will work side by side with these people and help them to construct a building for them to worship in. One congregation started meeting in an old streetcar, others are meeting in houses of members. Most of the churches will be of masonry construction while others will be wood frame. There is also a need for ironworkers to help put the roof on one church. There are many opportunities for service this year and many more will come out of what volunteers do in the years to come. I look forward to being involved in this Partnership and I trust that you will seek out the Lord's will for your involvement in this Partnership.

My thanks to those men across this state who have given of their time and efforts to go the Ukraine this month, and to volunteer to go back this year and lead teams to help those that are in need of help. Pray for them as they prepare, and for those that are seeking God's guidance as they make decisions to serve God on the foreign shore.

Robert P. Stroup, Jr.
Overseas Missions Coordinator
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Spruce Pine, NC 28777
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1993 Ukraine Dates

Group	Group Leader	Church	Leave NC	Return NC
1	Gene Kirby	Union Office/#13	May 1	May 15
2	Miller Garrison	Zaporozhye #3	May 15	May 29
3		Medical/Dental Union Office	May 22	June 5
4	Barney Barnett	t.Chernyakhousk #9	May 29	June 12
5		Union Office	June 5	June 19
6	Vic Greene	Symferopol #1	June 12	June 26
7		Union Office	June 19	July 3
8	Jasper Evans	Dumantsi #12	June 26	July 10
9		Union Office Seminary	July 3	July 17
10	Bob Oliver	Borodyanka #7	July 10	July 24
11		Seminary	July 17	July 31
12	Don Paith	t.Kamenka #14	July 24	August 7
13		Seminary	July 31	August 14
14	George Stephens	Kiylow #11	August 7	August 21
15		Seminary	August 14	August 28
16	Gene Kirby	Zdvizhevka #13	August 21	September 4
17		Seminary	August 28	September 11
18	Barney Barnett	Poltava #4	September 4	September 18
19		Seminary	September 11	September 25
20	Miller Garrison	Fastov #6	September 18	October 2
21		Seminary	September 25	October 9
22	Don Paith	Popelnya #8	October 2	October 16
23		Seminary	October 9	October 23
24	Bob Oliver	Ivanovka #16	October 16	October 30
25		Seminary	October 23	November 6
26	George Stephens		October 30	November 13
27		Seminary	November 6	November 20

LAY REVIVALS

Lay Witness Revivals Lead Many to Christ

The Apache Southern Baptist Association, Mesa, Arizona, hosted 58 people from the Baptist Lay Witness Foundation of North Carolina (BLWF), Jan. 20-24. The volunteers paid their own expenses to participate in nine Lay Led Revivals across the association.

According to associational leaders the results were phenomenal. During the four days of revivals, 46 individuals made professions of faith and 23 rededicated their lives. Fifty teams went door-to-door witnessing. They knocked on approximately 3,000 doors and made over 1,000 contacts. During this process many evangelistic prospects were discovered.

The revivals had a lasting impact on these churches, as they caught a vision of what door-to-door evangelism can do.

One pastor wrote: "Every pastor has expressed how excited he and his people were during the Lay Revival and how the church now realizes the need for door-to-door witnessing. As a result of your making yourself available and planting the seeds many of the souls you touched will come to know the Lord in the future. Let me give you an example: I went with two other pastors to make up follow-up visits on two people who were won to the Lord during the Lay Revival. Those two weren't home, but I was able to lead two more to the Lord all within one half hour. Had the Lay Witness teams not won the previous two to the Lord, I probably would not have gone back and won the other two. Other churches will have the same experience. You planted the seed, others will water and someone will reap the harvest for the Lord."

Another pastor writes: "Yesterday Lalo and I took the interim pastor from McDonald Street around to some of the people we met last week (during Lay Revival). At one house where team members had led a girl to the Lord, we were able to lead her mother to the Lord, and at another house where we had met a young couple on Saturday, we were able to lead a nine-year-old girl to the Lord after asking her mom if it was okay. So, two more people were saved as a result of last week. You all were a real encouragement."

The simultaneous lay revival was directed by Missionary B.L. (Les) Roberts, director of evangelism/ missions, Apache Southern Baptist Association. The overall coordinator was Mike Smith, first vice-president, BLWF, of Asheville, who recruited coordinators and team members and assigned them to participating churches and/or missions.

Apache Southern Baptist Association is currently involved in a 10-year Partnership in Missions Agreement with the NC Baptist Lay Witness Foundation. The purpose of the partnership would be to lead our churches to become more deeply involved in personal soul winning through using the Baptist Lay Revival concept. Evangelism is taught and also caught. A primary goal of the partnership is to create a Baptist Lay Witness Fellowship within the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. The BLWF board of directors, meeting at Caraway on February 6, agreed to enter into a 10-year partnership with Apache Southern Baptist Association, with details to be worked out later since there are so many possibilities.

The Lay Revivals in Arizona are normally held from Wednesday through Sunday. The lay-team members cooperate with members of the local church to visit during the days, and lead services in the evenings and on Sunday. The laypeople come at their own expense and stay in the homes of the members of the church while they are on the field.

The people in Arizona were greatly encouraged by the North Carolina teams and their willingness to share their faith. As a result, nine professions of faith were made. God's work for the area was greatly enhanced and grew by "leaps and bounds" as a result of that week.

If you are interested in scheduling a Lay-led Witnessing Revival in your church or if you desire more information, give us a call at 704-495-4190, or contact Joe Lennon, volunteer staff Lay Revivals, NCBM Office in Cary, NC.

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Hickory, NC 28603-6135

LAY RENEWAL

Lay Celebration Weekend Scheduled May 7-8

Being on a Lay Renewal Team is an enriching experience. For a brief period of time, God puts together a unique group of people to minister in a particular church. That particular team will probably never serve together again, because they were assembled for a certain situation. A lot of people have asked about other opportunities to get together again. It was out of this interest that the Lay Celebration Weekend was born.

Last year we had a great time under the leadership of Bruce Anthony. This year the event is scheduled for May 7 and 8 at Caraway. Our retreat leader will be Reid Hardin. Reid is director of Lay Evangelism at the Home Mission Board and coordinates Church Renewal in our convention. Our music will be led by Charlie and Christy White from Thomasville.

The retreat is targeted for all renewal participants, including pastors and wives, and anyone who has an interest in renewal. We are planning a time of retreat, inspiration, fellowship, personal enrichment, and encouragement to continue on the renewal journey. No one went away empty last year. Reid Hardin is a dynamic individual whom you will be glad you have met.

The cost of the retreat is $35.00 per person. This includes a room and three meals. For information, contact the Baptist Men's Department at the Baptist Building in Cary, or call Chick Byrd at (704) 365-6299.

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A Thank You to Relief Volunteers

The following letter expresses thanks to all North Carolina volunteers who participated in the Hurricane Andrew project:

Feb. 9, 1993
House of Representatives
State of Florida
Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:
As I reflect on the days following the hurricane, you stand out foremost.

I recall the long hours you put in to feed the vast numbers of people who had not received a hot meal for days; the days when I felt good just introducing you to others and listening to positive comments from you.

Just having you there was comforting. As I skirted the areas, I felt good knowing that I had some earthly refuge at your mobile unit.

There were times when I felt like I would explode but you provided that hope to carry on. Your involvement and giving nature will always be special to me. Today, I cannot call you all by your names but I will remember always the kindness of strangers.

May God bless you today and always!!

Yes, I won and many of you wished me well. Thanks!!

Sincerely,
(signed) Rep. Larcenia Bullard

By the time this is read, we will be having our Caraway Conference Center Annual Disaster Relief Training Conference, April 23—24, 1993. We are planning to have a similar event at Caswell and possibly at Ridgecrest if the need exists. I am grateful to our training team for all they do in helping prepare teams to be ready to go.

Our focus is changing in our Disaster Relief Recovery ministry. More on this will be shared in my June article. God bless our preparation as we stand ready to be used of the Lord if a disaster should strike.

Richard H. Crapps
State Volunteer Coordinator

Paul Wilson (second from right), NC Baptist Men Region 5 Disaster Relief Coordinator, was presented the Humanitarian Award by the Central North Carolina Optimist Board. This distinguished award was presented to Wilson for his volunteer service to aid the victims of Hurricane Andrew. He led the efforts of many from his area in serving over 90,000 meals in four different trips to south Florida. He was also instrumental in rescuing several critically ill nursing home patients who were "abandoned" at disaster relief feeding stations. Through his efforts, along with many others, over 175,000 were prepared and served during a 30-day period.

Hurricane Andrew Update

Here is a summary of what has been done with the money that you contributed through the NC Baptist State Convention.

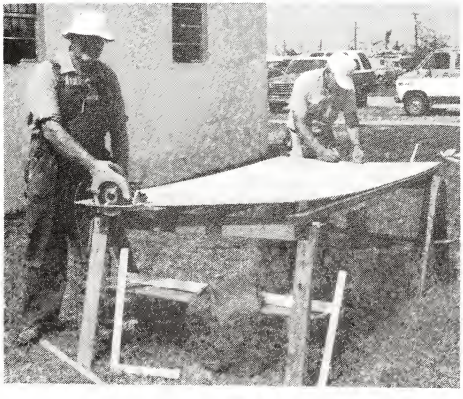
1) Between August 25 and September 27, our NC Baptist Disaster Relief Unit prepared and served over 175,000 meals to victims of Hurricane Andrew. We have had 12 different teams to work on the unit and a total of over 300 volunteers to work on our NC Feeding Unit.

2) Over 250 volunteer construction teams from North Carolina have gone to south Florida to help with the clean up. Over 2,000 NC Baptists have helped with clean-up and construction in the south Florida area. About 530 NC Baptists spent the week of December 27-January 1 rebuilding in the south Miami area. These volunteers worked on over 100 homes during the week. Another 350 NC volunteers worked in south Miami during the last week in February and the first week in March. These volunteers also worked on over 100 homes.

3) So far NC Baptist churches have contributed over $700,000 to the disaster relief fund for Hurricane Andrew assistance. Over 40 tractor-trailer loads of building materials have been purchased and sent to south Florida at a cost of over $400,000. In addition to this, $250,000 has been sent to the Florida Baptist Convention from the NC Baptist convention for Disaster Relief Assistance. Also, NC Baptists sent four tractor-trailer loads of canned foods and non-perishable items to the south Miami area. These items also were channeled through local Baptist churches to victims of Hurricane Andrew. In addition to this, $10,000 has been sent to the Louisiana Baptist Convention and $10,000 to the Hawaii Baptist Convention for disaster relief.

Thank you for caring and helping others in Jesus' name. If you have any questions contact NC Baptist Men's office at 1-800-395-5102.

PROJECT ANDREW



MISSION TRIP

A Letter to NC Baptist Men

February 5, 1993
Dear North Carolina Baptist Men,

I have always enjoyed reading my husband's copy of *Men in Missions*. Since August of 1992, it has served as an important source of information and hope for me.

I lived in the area hit so hard by Hurricane Andrew for seventeen years and my family only left Goulds five years ago. Homestead, Goulds, Perrine, Cutler Ridge, and other names so familiar now to the rest of our country are home to me.

The hurricane hit the weekend before we were to have our twenty year high school reunion for South Dade High graduates.

Andrew has affected so many of us, yes even those who left long ago, in so many ways. I have felt the hopelessness, the anger and the pain of dear friends that are still there. It has affected me like a death in the family.

The church where I met the Lord is gone. The church where I was married was damaged. My childhood home only has three rooms left. Even the Air Base, a source of permanence in our lives, is gone. We lived there for two years and always had connections with it after my father retired. It seemed so invincible.

This experience has served to remind me that our true home is yet to be and our permanence has to be in the Lord.

Thank you, Baptist Men, for feeding my friends and former neighbors. Thank you for putting roofs over their heads. Thank you for going in His name and for sharing His love. I know this aspect isn't reported in the "Operation Andrew" bulletins, but I know you are sharing and that so many do care. Thank you for keeping me informed when it seems the rest of the news media has forgotten.

I hope I can join you on a trip soon. It has been impossible for us to go because of our two little sons.

Thank you for all you do in His name.

Love in Christ,
Edwina Smith
3279 E. Hwy 150
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Making Christ Known in Florida

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

When God chose to reveal Himself He did so through a human body. The tongue that called forth the dead was a human one. The feet upon which the woman wept were calloused and dusty. And His tears came from a heart as broken as yours and mine has ever been. And the people were attracted to Him. They were drawn to Him — Jesus, the "God-man"; Jesus — God in person.

Some translate this verse in John's gospel like this: "and God pitched His tent in our presence. He actually took up residence in our midst". That's exactly what North Carolina Baptists have done in our trips to south Florida to help with the Hurricane Andrew recovery effort.

Our most recent mission trip made this verse come alive for me in a special kind of way. For, you see, we North Carolina Baptists literally pitched our tents on the grounds of Second Baptist Church, Richmond Heights.

During two weeks of rebuilding, nearly 350 volunteers completed over 100 jobs. But what happened during those days in south Florida cannot be measured solely by the number of roofs replaced, the number of houses dried in, or the number of walls repaired and/or replaced. No, what happened in south Florida has to do with concrete expressions of God's love, and it's about people, people whose lives will never be the same again.

Some of these people, of course, are the people who were helped, others are the people who went to help. From both groups, I was reminded once again that God has chosen to make Himself known through people, people like you and me. God demonstrated His love for us and He expects us to demonstrate His love to each other and to a lost and hurting world. "As the Father sent Me, so I send you."

Our men never cease to amaze me with their commitment, their generosity, and their willingness to make Christ known. Remember that the majority of these men and women took vacation time in order to go and all were responsible for their own transportation expenses.

Let me share just a few highlights from our recent trip that once again reminded me of the fact that God continues to make Himself known through people; people like you and me.

During our stay one of our men lost his wallet. While we frantically searched for it he shared with me how he had sold his guitar in order to have the extra money to go on the mission trip. What commitment! What dedication! Within half an hour one of our group leaders received from his men a "love offering" to help the brother in need. Only a handful of people knew about the brother's dilemma, but over $200.00 was raised to help him. If this were the end of the story we could say that it had a happy ending. But it gets better. A short time later the wallet was found with all the money in it. When the man came to return the money to the men who had given it, one of the men spoke up and said, "We're glad our brother found his wallet, but that's not our money anymore; we gave it to him." What generosity! What love for the brethren!

And then there was the Hispanic lady who came to our camp to show the work crew how to get to her house. When she arrived, we began to talk and she began to weep. "I can't believe it," she said. "I've never met people like this before. Why do they do this?" My answer was, "They do it because they love the Lord and because they love people, people just like you, because that's what Jesus would do." The woman was overwhelmed by the concrete expression of God's love on the part of the men who fixed her house.

On Wednesday evening of the second week, the county commissioner and the local churches staged an appreciation service for NC volunteers. At the conclusion of the service, we joined hands for prayer. In that moment I was thinking no one was concerned about the other's theology, no one cared about titles, or position, and perhaps more important, no one saw in color. There was no black or white, only brothers and sisters in the Lord.

I felt my eyes filling with tears, tears of joy, not sorrow. Tears of gratitude and thanksgiving for our loving Father who called us to be His children; for our Savior who was willing to go to any length, even to the Cross, to show us the Father's love, for our Lord who has never asked us to love anyone that He wouldn't love or to do anything He Himself hasn't done. I also thanked Him for my brothers and sisters at Richmond Heights, for you, those NC volunteers who once again demonstrated to Miami and me, God's love.

Breaking down barriers — racial, denominational, ethnic — repairing houses and building up people, that's what NC Baptist Men are about. They

were willing to get their hands dirty, willing to become Christ's legs and feet, His eyes and ears, and His lips, so others could see Jesus in them.

Just as Jesus went about doing good, they went about turning tragedy into triumph, and hopelessness into hope. It makes me think of that verse that speaks about how everything works together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Even something so horrible as Hurricane Andrew was used by God to make Himself known. Did I mention that there were four professions of faith reported during the second week alone?

Yes, God used even Hurricane Andrew for His good pleasure — for His honor and His glory. That's why the brother sold his guitar. That's why the others pitched in to bless him when he lost his wallet. That's why the Hispanic lady asked, "Who are these people and why are they doing this?" That's the reason people were saved. That's why the Word became flesh and God pitched His tent among us and that's why we pitched our tents in Miami.

Lonnie Reynolds
Associate, NCBM

AGRICULTURE MISSIONS

Agriculture Missions to Reorganize

Agriculture Missions (AG) is undergoing a reorganization. Unfortunately for AG Missions, but very fortunate for NCBM overall, Maurice Cook is now serving as president. Tragedy touched Ag Missions when Buck Hill was a victim of a fatal accident. These two men were driving forces in Ag Missions.

In an effort to involve more people and perhaps to refocus Ag Missions, this reorganization is taking place. The Agriculture Missions Coordinating Committee met in February to discuss an organizational structure. The Committee approved the basic concept of dividing Ag Mission objectives into three broad special emphasis groups: Information and Education, Demonstration Farm, and Missionary Support.

Steven Hughes was appointed chairperson of the Information and Education Special Emphasis Group. What a vision he has for Ag Missions. One of Steve's first priorities to create an I & E steering committee to carry out the I & E work plan. It seems that many of Baptist men and boys have little or no knowledge of Ag Missions and the life changing ministries that can be accomplished through Ag Missions. Steve hopes to get this good news out to Baptist Men throughout the state.

Bobby Walls was appointed chairperson of the Demonstration Farm Special Emphasis Group. This group is already well organized with a steering committee and several subcommittees. He will be preparing a work plan for the Demonstration Farm and working on ways to fully utilize the many talents of our Farm Manager, Gene Hickman.

Steve and Bobby may be calling upon those of you who have expressed an interest in Ag Missions to assist with this reorganization.

We desperately need a chairperson for the Missionary Support Special Emphasis Group. This person would be responsible for preparing a work plan that addresses the needs of our missionaries in the field. Our support may include financial, special projects, research, equipment, and, of course, prayer.

If God is leading you to become involved in Ag Missions, we have a place for you.

Don Pittman
State Ag Missions Coordinator
4719 River Road
Wilson, NC 27893

CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY

God is Working in Our Prison

Eight years ago I went into Gaston County jail as a spectator to observe the Baptist Men's jail ministry. That Sunday, eight years ago, I saw needs that motivated me into action.

I was introduced to a man that was 24 years old who had never been to church and no one had ever shared the plan of salvation with him. I had the privilege of introducing him to Jesus Christ. The first time I went to the jail I prayed with two men who accepted Christ. At that time I had no special training, but I had a testimony; what Jesus has done in my life. I came home that day and I was so emotional I could not even share with my wife what had taken place. That day God showed me what He could do with a common vessel like me.

Every week there are hundreds of NC Baptist men and women that go into jails and prisons across our state. They go for a number of reasons: To share a personal testimony; to have a Sunday School lesson or Bible study; and to conduct worship services or preach.

Some become community sponsors for the division of prisons. A local sponsor can take an inmate out for six hours. You can take them to church, out to eat, to a sports event. Others come with singing groups to the prison chapel for a special singing or worship service.

I would like to share with you what is going on in just one of many prison ministries across the state. I am a member of Gaston County Christian Jail Ministry. We are a part of Gaston Baptist Association, a group of 25 men and eight women. We go into the jail every week where there are 175 inmates; there are another 35 to 50 inmates at the satellite facility. In Gaston County, there are over 10,000 people processed through our jail in a year. From this group, the number of professions of faith for 1992 was 267.

In September, 1992 we had a revival at Gaston Prison Unit at Dallas, NC. The revival was sponsored by Catawba Heights Baptist church in Belmont. Governor Jim Martin gave permission for all prison units in the state to participate in these revival meetings. Members of the Church came and prepared food for the entire unit all three nights. Each inmate was allowed three family members to attend. This was the first time this was allowed. A tent was rented for the outdoor event. The Lord blessed as 80 decisions were made.

We want to form a network across our state. If we can assist you in your ministry, please contact us. If you are interested in more information, please contact us. Call 1–800–395–5102.

Joe Lawing
State Correctional Coordinator
522 Rhyne Circle
Gastonia, NC 28054

A New Name For A Vital Ministry

During the Baptist Men's Board Meeting March 19–20, the Board voted to change the name of the Combatting Moral Problems ministry to Family Foundations.

The family concept is rooted in God's revelation of Himself as a Father and Jesus as a Son. All issues relating to identity and moral values flow from this foundation. The unifying medium for the family is the home, the basic building block of society. Therefore, the establishment and nurture of a Christian home should be a high priority of NC Baptist Men. Such actions are Biblical and appear to be the best approach for developing a mature and responsible citizenship that is honorable and accountable to God.

This ministry addresses the recently approved objective of NC Baptist Men: "Lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians." Therefore, Family Foundations is a more appropriate title for the ministry.

Possible approaches to fulfilling this objective will be "The Gathering", a discussion group for men concerned about family life, marriage enrichment retreats, and men's development programs. This ministry will continue to be proactive on critical moral issues and to support initiatives such as the conferences on "The Christian Looks at Gambling."

Doug Russell
State Coordinator, Family Foundations
509 Camrose Circle
Concord, NC 28025

Regional Workshops: The Christian Looks at Gambling

Co-sponsored by NC Baptist Men

April 19—Statesville
April 26—Monroe
May 3—Gastonia
May 10—Lincolnton
May 22—Rocky Mount
May 24—Elizabeth City
May 25—Kinston
May 27—Fayetteville
May 28—Jacksonville
May 29—Wilmington

Call the NC Baptist Men office for more information at 1–800–395–5102.

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Medical/Dental Bus Update

This year we hope to make the final payment on our Medical/Dental Bus. This final payment is for $24,000. A special effort is being made by NC Baptist Men to raise this $24,000 this year. Any contributions should be sent to NC Baptist Men and marked for the Medical Bus.

Many RA chapters and High School Baptist Young Men units from across the state have undertaken various mission projects to help raise money for the medical/dental bus. Baptist men should challenge their RAs and HSBYM to be involved in some type of project to raise money for the medical bus? Some ideas that have been used to raise money for this project are: bike-a-thons, recycling projects in which drink cans, glass containers and scrap wire were collected and sold; church-wide penny drives; car washes; bake sales; and a "Poor Man's Supper".

Many lives are being affected by the ministry of this Medical/Dental bus. In one year, 74 decisions for Christ were made, 2,045 patients were ministered to by 96 doctors, 92 dentists, and 269 nurses in addition to the 894 non-medical volunteers that served. Total volunteers involved were 1,351 participating 103 days with 65 associational bookings. Many have had touching and inspirational experiences as a result of this bus operating in our state.

Any contribution you may choose to donate for this last payment will be greatly appreciated! To contribute, make your check payable to NCBM, marked "Bus Donation" and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27511.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Recipients — John and Betty Sally

During the Baptist Men's Board Meeting at the Caraway Conference Center, John and Betty Sally were presented the 1992 North Carolina Baptist Men's Volunteer of the Year award. This was given in recognition of outstanding volunteer Christian service on the Medical/Dental Bus from 1989 through 1992. During those years, they have served as host and hostess for over 150 medical/dental projects. Many lives have been touched both physically and spiritually because of their willingness to be involved! Thank you, John and Betty Sally!

VOLUNTEER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mission Interest Survey

We are seeking to update our mailing list of people who are interested in being involved in volunteer construction projects both at home and overseas.

You do not need to be a professional. Both experienced and non-experienced help is needed. Please duplicate the form below and circulate it among the men in your church. Please return these forms to our office (NCBM, PO Box 1007, Cary, NC 27512) so that we can put you on our mailing list.

MISSION PROJECTS
(Please circle appropriate choices)

_____ **Yes, I would be willing to participate in mission projects in the following areas:**

Local State USA Overseas NC Partnership Areas

Consecutive Days most Likely to Participate: 2 3 5 10 14+

Advance Notice Needed to Participate: 24 hours 48 hours 5 days 2 weeks

other:

Skills and Experience I can offer:

roofing carpentry electrical plumbing masonry construction

supervision HVAC sheetrock planning purchasing management medical

auto mechanics agriculture cooking teaching youth work counseling

music speaking welding willing to try almost anything other (specify):

YES or **NO:** I would be willing to be a team leader of 10 or 15 men on a specific project.

YES I cannot participate directly but I am willing to support the teams.

Name _____ **Day Phone** _____

Address _____ **Zip** _____

Association _____ **Region #** _____

Return to: NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512_1107

Mother's Day Offering
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

Special Offering Helps Baptist Hospital Touch Lives With Healing... and Hope

Touching Lives With Hope

Goal: $500,000

Cheryl Taylor had just gotten on her feet when hospital bills threatened her trailer. The Mother's Day Offering helped her.

Week of Prayer: May 2-9

All gifts provide benevolent care for those who otherwise might not have access to the healing ministry of North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

A promotional packet is being mailed soon to your church. Please look it over, put up the posters, distribute the envelopes and order the informative magazine to teach your churches about the healing ministry of your North Carolina Baptist Hospital. To order additional material, ***call (800) 395-5102.***

Receiving an offering in your church can change lives!

Mother's Day Offering Saves Taylor's Home

Cheryl Taylor is a strong woman. She made a living sewing piece work for an upscale clothing manufacturer in Mt. Airy.

Then she started to feel ill. "I had no energy and was weak. I'd get out of breath and was losing blood," she said. Never one to run for help, it was a year before a doctor confirmed she had colon cancer.

After her operation in a local hospital, she came to Baptist Hospital one week each month for six months for chemotherapy treatment. Because her illness weakened

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Lynette Warren, daughter of a Baptist preacher, wife of a seminary student, sees her role in the care of desperately ill patients, as a ministry.

Nurse Provides Personal Touch

For Lynette Warren, Patients Become Friends

Sometimes you celebrate... sometimes you cry.

Lynnette Warren, an oncology nurse in the bone marrow transplant unit at Baptist Hospital, joyfully invests her life with desperately ill cancer patients.

Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation all have failed them. A bone marrow transplant is their last stop on a long journey through pain.

It helps to have a nurse who cares enough to guide you through the dark tunnel.

In the bone marrow transplant unit, each primary care nurse has just two patients. So she gets to know them well. And, since Baptist Hospital is one of only 26 comprehensive cancer centers in the country, most patients come from out of town. Often their family members cannot be near to attend to them, to take care of the little things that make life easier.

Sometimes Warren is able to fill in the gaps. For instance, she took home the laundry of a recent patient, so he could wear his pajamas instead of hospital gowns; she has picked up items at the grocery store that families couldn't get at the hospital; and she's sat up with a patient, who was re-admitted, and his wife through a dark night of wondering what would happen next.

"When things are going well for the patient, no job in the world can be like it," says Warren, 34, an oncology nurse for 11 years. When things are not going well for the patient, she shares the emotional burden, she says.

Right Priorities

"The ironic thing about oncology patients is that despite their painful diseases, they are some of the nicest people I've ever met," she says. "They have a sense of what is really important in life.

"By the time they get to us, this is it. If this doesn't work... there is nothing beyond transplant. Chemotherapy, radiation and surgery already haven't worked."

Patients' strength in adversity has taught Warren "what is really important in life." She lists those as:

■ Relationship with God.

"Some of the most courageous patients I've known have been Christians. They face death with no anger or bitterness."

■ Relationships with family and friends. "Dust in the house will wait. Why don't you have lunch with your friend today?"

■ Courage. What Christianity is all about.

Dealing constantly with patients who face the real possibility they will never get better, Warren "tends to appreciate smaller things versus great big things."

Living Differently

"It's caused me to live differently," she said. "It's increased my sense that we're not promised tomorrow, to take advantage of the things God presents us today.

"We don't necessarily have those tomorrows. We need to be about the business of letting people know about Jesus and His love."

Warren's husband, Dan, after a budding business career, is at Southeastern Seminary, preparing to become a minister. Her father, Carl Kincaid, is pastor of Ossipee Baptist Church in Ossipee.

Warrren's Ministry

Bone marrow transplant patients without complications spend 5-6 weeks in Warren's care. They come in for tests, to make sure they're healthy enough to undergo the arduous procedure. Then they endure about six days of radiation and chemotherapy to kill bad cells in their bodies.

That treatment kills their immune systems too, and can make them dangerously susceptible to "minor" infections. Then bone marrow, from a donor or from their own, earlier marrow contributions, is injected intravenously and begins to replenish their immune system with healthy cells.

High Costs

Cost of the transplant is $125,000 and up. Warren's youngest patient has been 13; her oldest 58.

"You get to know the patient and his family," she says. "You get to know a lot about them. They get dependent on you. It becomes like you're taking care of a friend instead of a patient."

Many of Warren's friends come out of their transplants with a new lease on life. Their cancers disappear, or go into remission.

If a patient does not survive his illness, Warren does what she can for the family, and tries to make the patient's last days as painless as possible.

How does she deal with her personal anguish over the loss?

"I handle it by prayer," she said, "asking the good Lord to help me deal with this, and by praying for the family. I'm fortunate to work with real, quality care nurses. We ventilate our concerns with each other.

"And sometimes you cry."

Violet Jester, lives in the home Roy finished, just before he died, and appreciates the bills the Mother's Day Offering covered, to allow her to stay in the house.

Benevolent Fund Saves Retirement Home for Pastor's Widow

Roy Jester had just resigned his pastorate and was without work or insurance when doctors diagnosed his colon cancer.

He had assumed he would soon be called to another church and was in the middle of building his retirement home, which ate his savings.

Bills totalling $45,000 for two surgeries and treatments were "devastating," said his wife, Violet, sitting in the living room of the house Roy finished before he died in August 1992, after a year of illness.

"I called Baptist Hospital about the $10,000 bill for the first surgery and they said, 'That bill has been wiped clean,'" Violet said. "I said 'what do you mean?' and they said, 'It's been paid.'

"I just cried and shouted Praise the Lord."

Before it was over, benevolent care from Baptist Hospital covered some $20,000 of Jester's bills. Medicaid paid most of the rest and community fund raisers covered virtually all the remaining bills.

Violet's new house, the only financial security in her life, was saved.

One hundred percent of the gifts received during the Mother's Day Offering for Baptist Hospital go toward benevolent care, to help people like Violet Jester when circumstances leave them exposed to crippling debt.

MDO Ambassador

"Mother made two different calls to the hospital to make sure the bill was paid," said Violet's daughter, Debbie. "She just couldn't believe it.

"She's already talked to churches and pastors in the area to encourage them to take (the Mother's Day) offering and tell them what it meant to her."

Roy, called into ministry later in life, was pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church in Taylorsville; Eighth Street Baptist Chapel in Massillon, OH, and North Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Yadkin Association.

After his first cancer surgery, members of Union Grove Baptist Church came to him in the hospital and told him they wanted him to be their pastor. He could preach as he was able and they had three young preachers in the church who could fill in for him when he was too ill.

"That gave Roy the joy to keep going," said Violet. "He just radiated."

After 15 Years Gobrish Glad To See Sun Rise

When Gobrish feels getting out of bed in the morning is a good start.

After undergoing chemotherapy treatments three times and finally, a bone marrow transplant, in a 15-year fight with Hodgkins disease, Gobrish is glad just to see the sun rise.

Gobrish, who works for the city of Salisbury in water and sewer construction, was hit with high bills, but says, "What's $130,000 compared to a funeral?"

Fortunately, his employer carried insurance, but there were still significant incidental bills.

When Baptist Hospital notified him that $790 in bills was forgiven through the benevolent funds established through the Mother's Day Offering, he was relieved. "It makes you feel a whole lot better when you're only bringing in $300-$400 every two weeks," he said.

Gobrish, 41, was first diagnosed 15 years ago. Chemotherapy failed to eradicate the disease, and five years later, it reoccurred. Again chemotherapy, and again it reoccurred.

He had a bone marrow transplant in 1991. He had his own marrow "harvested" in July, then spent 32 days in the hospital beginning in September to have tests, chemo, and the transplant.

He's been back at work more than a year, although he still gets tired sometimes. His hair has grown back and he has a positive outlook.

"When I wake up in the morning, that's a step in the right direction," he says.

Why Come To Baptist?

As one of the premier facilities in the Southeast, there are many reasons to come to North Carolina Baptist Hospital to receive treatment. Among them:

1. The Joint Commission on Hospital ***Accreditation*** ranks NCBH in the top 9 percent of America's hospitals.
2. The 1991 N.C. Database Commission's report reveals major diagnostic ***services costs*** of other N.C. hospitals, vs. NCBH's are:
   Duke - 36% higher
   UNC - 28% higher
   Carolina's Medical Center - 36% higher
   Average statewide - 9% higher
3. NCBH practices superb ***financial stewardship*** and is one of only 17 U.S. teaching/research hospitals with a "AA" credit rating.
4. NCBH is ***one of only 26 comprehensive cancer centers*** in the nation, treating more cancer patients than any hospital from Baltimore, MD, to Atlanta, GA.
5. A comprehensive ***bone marrow transplant*** unit performs over 100 transplants each year.
6. NCBH has over 70 areas of ***specialty medicine.***
7. ***Outpatient clinics*** excel in keeping costs down for many procedures that used to require hospitalization.
8. ***Quality adolescent care*** is found in the 138-bed Brenner Children's Hospital within NCBH, North Carolina's first self-contained adolescent medical/surgical/psychiatric unit.
9. "Angels of Mercy" ***neonatal transplant team*** is the largest in N.C. and one of 10 largest in U.S.
10. ***AirCare***, serving counties in North Carolina and Virginia, flew over 750 missions last year.
11. The four ***key values*** which govern all we do are: Excellence, Compassion, Integrity, Innovation.
12. Our ***transplant program*** now includes kidney, pancreas and heart transplants.
13. Bowman Gray School of Medicine clinical faculty who are NCBH physicians have access to the ***latest medical technology*** and research.
14. The ***Christian faith*** is the "soul of our institution."
15. ***Baptist ministers*** and their immediate dependents (spouse and children) receive up to 25% discount on all hospital services.
16. NCBH is one of only a few medical centers in the country with a major emphasis on ***geriatric care.***

MDO Helps Taylors Keep Home

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her beyond an ability to work, she's had no paycheck for three years. Thus, no insurance and little ability to pay medical bills. Her husband is a painter and work is seasonal.

Just a few years ago, they moved a trailer onto inherited land and, at long last, felt they were getting established.

Medical bills threatened that. Then, they received word the Baptist Hospital benevolent fund was paying a major portion of their bill.

"I don't know what I'd have done if they hadn't," says Cheryl, 49. "I'll be paying these bills the rest of my life as it is."

Her husband, Wayne, was more graphic. "Without Baptist Hospital's help... we'd have had to let somebody take this trailer back."

A CONTINUING EDUATION EXPERIENCE FOR BAPTIST MEN AND BAPTIST YOUNG MEN

MAY 27–30, 1993
BAPTIST WORLD CENTER, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Baptist Men's University is a personal development conference that equips leaders. Qualified leaders will teach creative ministry skills in the areas of:

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Baptist Young Men (Basic & Advanced)
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Evangelism

Baptist Men's University is for all men and young men. Conferences include personal development and leadership development. This is not a normal training event. Baptist Men's University will equip leaders to begin and strengthen existing units, help organize new units, and teach men how to help other men in personal development.

This training is ideal for officers of Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men units, unit members, members of the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions, and any man interested in personal spiritual development.

Make plans now to be in Nashville, Tenn., May 27–30, 1993, to become equipped to lead. The fee is $100 per person. It includes materials, registration, insurance and meals. Space is limited, so register early by sending the enclosed registration form to Baptist Men's University, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104–2493.

Clip and mail to Brotherhood Commission

Baptist Men's University Registration Form

To sign up for Baptist Men's University, copy this form for each person attending and mail to: Baptist Men's University, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104–2493.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Camp Caraway To Open For 31st Summer on June 14

The 31st summer of boy's camp at Camp Caraway will begin Monday, June 14. The goal of Camp Caraway is to teach every camper that he is a uniquely special individual because he was created by God and is loved by God. Each boy is special and has something to offer. In every activity including air rifles, archery, basketball, canoeing, crafts, and rappeling, the staff tries to show each boy the limitless potential he has through Christ.

The key to the summer program at Camp Caraway lies in the ability to hire an outstanding staff that genuinely cares for each camper. Each of the twenty-five dedicated young men on the staff at Caraway works hard to live up to the staff motto: Every camper deserves a counselor that cares for them just as Christ does.

The cost for a week at Camp Caraway is $85. This fee provides for room, meals, accident insurance, program and staff supervision. The registration fee also includes a Caraway t-shirt for every boy. Each boy will need a modest amount of money not exceeding $25 for crafts, mission offering, other Caraway items, and snacks.

For more information and an application, write the NC Baptist Men's Department, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107. For specific questions concerning the summer program, call Kendell Cameron at NC Baptist Men, (800) 395-5102.

Lad Father/Son Mini-Weeks To Be Held at Camp Caraway

For the fourth summer in a row, NC Baptist Men will sponsor Father/Son Mini-Weeks for boys ages 6-8 and their fathers, grandfathers, or Lad counselors July 5-7 and July 8-10.

These exciting mini-weeks give boys a chance to enjoy Camp Caraway at an early age without the fear of being away from family. While the staff of Camp Caraway leads the activities, the program for the mini-week is designed to give one-on-one time between fathers and sons in Bible study, mission study, and worship. There will also be plenty of time for air rifles, archery, canoeing, swimming, and a host of other fun activities. For every three boys who attend camp, there must be at least one adult.

The cost for the mini-week is $40 per person and includes a Caraway t-shirt. For more information and an application, write the NC Baptist Men's Department, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

State Royal Ambassador News

The State Pioneer/High School Baptist Young Men (HSBYM) Basketball Tournament was held March 5-6 at Southwestern Randolph High School and Middle School, Asheboro.

In HSBYM, Polkville Baptist Church, Kings Mountain Association, defeated Pilot Baptist Church, Tar River Association, for the championship. In the Pioneer championship, First Baptist Church of Whiteville, Columbus Association, defeated Trinity Baptist Church, South Roanoke Association. Congratulations to all of the teams participating for their interest in missions and their excellent basketball.

The next statewide event for RA's and HSBYM is the State Track Meet to be held at Southwestern Randolph High School on May 14-15, 1993. For more information, call NC Baptist Men at (800) 395-5102, or talk to your associational leadership about the possibility of an associational meet. Only associational winners may go to the state meet.

Changed My Life

Royal Ambassadors

"Through my involvement with RAs, I became interested in serving as a counselor at the state RA camp. The following summer I served two weeks as a counselor for the state RA camps and I continued to serve on that camp staff for seven years. I held various positions on the camp staff. These camps and my involvement with RAs had a profound affect on my knowledge of missions and on my involvement in missions."

D. Wade Watts
Southern Baptist
Missionary to Peru

RAs is the Southern Baptist missions education organization for boys grades 1-8.

N.C. Christian High Adventure Applications Available

North Carolina Baptist Men will offer nine weeks of Christian High Adventure (CHA) this summer with five weeks designated for young men only and three weeks designated for youth groups.

The last week of CHA is a special "Summit" week designed for only those young men who have been on a previous CHA trip. This week will offer added adventure with a little tougher terrain, as well as climbing and rappeling.

Applications are being accepted now for all nine trips. Cost of a CHA trip is $105 per person, which includes all equipment except clothing.

For an application or more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Trip Dates:
June 13-18 — HSBYM
June 20-25 — HSBYM
June 27-July 2 — HSBYM
July 4-July 10 — Youth
July 11-16 — HSBYM
July 25-30 — Youth
August 1-6 — Youth
August 8-13 - "Summit" (For previous participants only.)

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N.C. Baptist Men's T-shirts @ $4 (p. 5)

- ❑ Adult L *Quantity*____ = Total $____
- ❑ Adult XL *Quantity*____ = Total $____
- ❑ Adult XXL *Quantity*____ = Total $____

+ Shipping/Handling $2.00

Grand Total $____

N.C. Baptist Men's hats @ $7 (p. 4)

- ❑ Black *Quantity* ____ = Total $ ____
- ❑ Royal blue *Quantity* ____ = Total $ ____
- ❑ Navy *Quantity* ____ = Total $ ____

+Shipping/Handling $ .50

Grand Total $____

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- ❑ The Christian Looks at Gambling Workshops (p. 14)

TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ Lay Celebration Weekend, May 7–8, Caraway (Cost: $35/person includes 1 night's lodging and 3 meals

#____ @ $35 = Total ____

Name _____
(Last) Please print (First)

Address _____

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Phone: Office _____ Home _____

Church _____ Association _____

Leadership Position _____

Registration Fee (if applicable) $_____ Number in group (if applicable)_____

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